

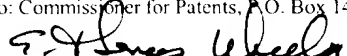
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2003 (Paper No. 8), in which claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In this Amendment claims 1-8 have been amended. No claim has been cancelled and no claim has been added. Consequently, claims 1-8 are currently under consideration in the Amendment.

Reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.